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REMARKS

Applicants kindly request entry of the amendments above prior to entry and consideration of the Response to the First Office Action filed on August 4, 2004.

By this supplemental response, two new independent claims are presented, namely, claims 77 and 78, which further define applicants' invention. Support for claims 77 and 78 is found in FIG. 18 (and FIGS. 7-9 and 15) and described on page 15, line 27 to page 17, line 32 of the specification. The addition of new matter has been carefully avoided. It is respectfully submitted that Reeves et al. fails to anticipate applicants' invention as recited in new claims 77 and 78.

Applicants kindly request entry and consideration of this supplemental response (under CFR 1.111(a)(2)) along with reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections for the reasons as set forth in the Response to the First Office Action filed on August 4, 2004.

Official Fees

In this response, 2 independent claims were added so that a total of 12 claims are now pending with 3 being independent claims. Accordingly, no official surcharge for these additional claims is required.

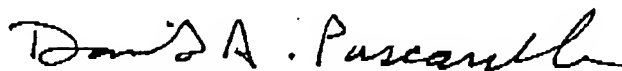
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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